

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding human Akt-3 protein ~~or a functional equivalent, derivative or bioprecursor thereof~~, comprising the amino acid sequence illustrated in SEQ ID No. 3.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which is a DNA molecule.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence illustrated in SEQ ID No. 1.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 comprising the nucleotide sequence in SEQ ID No. 2.
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9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The expression vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The expression vector according to claim 9 comprising an inducible promoter.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The expression vector according to claim 9 comprising a sequence encoding a reporter molecule.

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17. (Currently Amended) A host cell ~~or organism~~, transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 9.

18. (Currently Amended) A transgenic cell, ~~tissue or organism~~ comprising a ~~transgene~~ capable of expressing a human Akt-3 protein according to claim 6 the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, which expresses human Akt-3 protein.

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